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LETTER DATED 8 OCTOBER 1992 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The military aggression unleashed by mercenaries from the North and Abkhaz secessionists against Georgia, a sovereign Member State of the United Nations, is continuing and increasing in scope and intensity. Up to the present time all attempts of peaceful diplomacy have not yielded any positive results.

According to reliable sources reaching us from the occupied territory, mass executions of Georgian civilian population, widespread torture, rape and other atrocities are being committed. It is hard to believe that such barbaric acts can be happening in the twentieth century.

On behalf of the Government of Georgia, I would like to appeal to the members of the Security Council through you to consider setting up a War Crimes Commission to collect evidence of possible atrocities committed in Georgia. Georgia is ready to fully cooperate with such a commission and to furnish photographs, video films, witness depositions and other relevant material that might be deemed appropriate.

I would be grateful if you would circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Eduard SHEVARDNADZE
Chairman of the State Council

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